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Ten girls in white sing, air, "Annie Laurie".

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When war clouds dim the sunshine
And shadow all the land,
When our country goes to battle
With foes on every hand,
'Tis then the call comes clear
To loyal hearts and true
To lay down their lives and fortunes
For our own red, white and blue.

2

Our lovely starry banner
Defeat must never know,
For it stands for truth and freedom
Where'er its colors blow.
Then pledge your faith anew
A vow to Liberty,
Which shall never cease to bless us
'Neath the banner of the free.

Enter Uncle Sam, a boy dressed in usual costume. He stands in center of stage while girls who sang group themselves at back of stage.

UNCLE SAM:

I am America's Uncle Sam,
Democracy's pioneer.
I have sent a message across the sea
That other lands may hear;
And there comes to us now a call for aid
For her cause has suffered harm,
And Democracy turns for protection now
To your Uncle Sam's strong right arm.
And I—in turn—am asking you
What help you will give to me,
And what will you do to make the world
Safe for Democracy.
A splendid army you've given me
But the fight has just begun
And men must be training all the time
For the work is not yet done.
So teach the little children, too,
A patriotic zeal
And they will be ready, if ever there's need,
To answer a world's appeal.

Enter 12 small boys in soldier suits. They advance to front of stage, Uncle Sam standing at one side. At conclusion of speeches soldiers step to back of stage. Each group take same positions before and after speaking and singing.

ALL SOLDIERS:

When each of us becomes a man
He'll be a soldier if he can.

1st. I'd like to be a drummer boy.
I'd beat a charge with vim and joy.

2nd. I'd be a trumpeter. I'd never sound retreat
But call the men from hill and glen the enemy to meet.

3rd. I'd love to be a gunner and make the cannon roar.
A lot of gunners, brave and strong, I'm sure would end this war.

4th. I'll be an aviator and like a bird I'll fly
Within my shining airship, away up in the sky.

5th. I'll drive a Red Cross ambulance and all the wounded men
I'll take away from battle fields, till they are well again.

6th. Some one must feed the soldiers and I think I'd like to cook.
I don't know how to do it, but you learn it from a book.

7th. I'd love to ride on horseback in every big parade,
But when it comes to battles I think I'd be afraid.

8th. I'd like to be a general, like Joffre, so good and wise
And find myself a hero in every nation's eyes.

9th. I'd like to be as famous as the mighty General Foche
Who leads the allied armies to war against the Boche.

10th. I'd like to lead our army like General Pershing, he
Is just the biggest hero in all the world to me.

11th. I guess I'll be a private. We can't all heroes be,
But anyway, I know I'll serve my country faithfully.

12th. I'll be the color bearer and hold our flag on high,
And always, o'er the battle field, it will in victory fly.

All. We'll serve our country and our flag and serve them faithfully
And all be valiant soldiers when men we grow to be.

Uncle Sam:

Don't fail to help the Red Cross, too,
Theirs is a noble task,

They ease the dying, cure the hurt,
So give whene'er they ask.

Enter any number girls dressed as Red Cross nurses. They sing air, "Yankee Doodle".

1.

We'll bandage you and bleed you, too,
We'll give you pills and potions,
We'll bathe your hot and aching brow
With cool and soothing lotions.

CHORUS.

Red Cross nurses wise are we
Red Cross nurses dandy,
If you get wounded don't be scared,
You'll always find us handy.

2

We'll tend the wounded under fire
In scientific manner,
We'll do our best for all who fight
Beneath our starry banner. CHORUS.

UNCLE SAM:

Children can help to win the war
If they save each penny and dime.
If they do without candy and movies and gum
They'll have a quarter in time.
And a quarter will buy a Thrift Stamp
So, children, all of you try
For every little Thrift Stamp

Is a War Stamp by and by.

Enter 12 girls in white holding green cards on which are huge white letters spelling Thrift Stamps.

1st. Tiny little Thrift Stamps, bright and green and new,

2nd. Help us on to victory. Won't you buy a few?

3rd. Reach into your pocket, just a dime each day

4th. If you only give it for many things will pay.

5th. Food and ships and shelter, clothing, swords and guns

6th. Till an army, well equipped, goes to fight the Huns.

7th. Save your pennies, children, send them o'er the foam,

8th. Till the war is over and the boys come home.

9th. Are you patriotic? Then you musn't shirk.

10th. Make your pennies soldiers, make your quarters work.

11th. Proud you'll be of helping when the war is done,

12th. So buy a Thrift Stamp every day till the fight is won.

All. Do your bit for Uncle Sam, Make your money fight
Till the strife is ended with victory for the right.

UNCLE SAM:

Every War Saving Stamp that you buy
Is a step on the road to Berlin.
So purchase as many as ever you can
And the war we soon shall win.

Enter any number girls in green with letters W S S on waist. Letters may be cut from white paper. They sing, air, "Coming Through the Rye".

1

We are stamps of vast importance
Everybody knows.
Every sale of us, remember,
Helps defeat our foes.

CHORUS.

Saving Stamps you all must purchase—
Help the war to win,
So send us smiling on our way
Until we reach Berlin!

2

Save your pennies, dimes and quarters
Save them constantly

Till you have enough to buy us,
Send us o'er the sea. CHORUS.

UNCLE SAM:

If you can't fight your money can—
Don't own a slacker dollar,
But send it straightway "Over There"
'Twill make the kaiser holler!
Buy bonds, buy bonds for Liberty
And loan the U S A
Each cent that you can live without,
'Twill surely save the day.

Enter 12 girls in white with red, white and blue sashes and gilt paper crowns, to represent Liberty. They carry red letters spelling LIBERTY BONDS.

1st. Let every patriot do his best and help to win the war with zest.

2nd. Invest your money in a bond, and to your country's call respond.

3rd. Better a loan to win the war than tribute to a conqueror.

4th. Even the smallest bond may save the life of many a soldier brave.

5th. Remember if you do not go your money should, so don't be slow.

6th. To save Democracy we fight so aid the cause with all your might.

7th. You know we're in the fight to stay so buy a bond or two today.

8th. Be generous, it is the due of those who give their lives for you.

9th. Over the seas, amid the fray, their fate depends on us today.

10th. Now let us send with lavish hand our money to the gallant band.

11th. Don't put it off, don't hesitate, next month, next year, may be too late.

12th. So buy a bond for Liberty, and send your money o'er the sea.

UNCLE SAM:

I view with pride my bold marines
Who sail the raging sea.
As fighters they are wonderful,
So fierce and brave they be.

Enter 10 boys in sailor costume. They sing, air, "Sailing".

1.

Heave ho! my lads. We must away
And anchor raise while yet 'tis day
For far across the waters blue
Our bark will bear its gallant crew.
Our country's foes we gladly go to fight
While o'er us floats our starry banner bright.

CHORUS.

Then here's to our country and here's to the red,
white and blue
May it wave in every port the wide world thru.
Sailing, sailing, over the dashing foam
Full many a stormy sky shall frown
Ere the sailor lads come home.

2.

We'll chase the U-boats from the sea—
They shall no more a danger be,
And he who sails the ocean clear
With us to guide need have no fear.
We're bold marines who dearly love to fight
While o'er us floats our starry banner bright.

They may do Sailor's Hornpipe if desired.

UNCLE SAM:

You all have heard the story
How the Minute Men of old
Were ever at their Country's call—
So watchful and so bold.
They carried warning thru the night
Which led to victory
And gathered all the patriots
To fight for Liberty.
Like them are my Four Minute Men
Who speak instead of fight
And urge a listening country
To aid the cause of right.

Four Minute Men—Five boys dressed in colonial costume if desired.

1st. In every large assembly
We're always sure to be.
2nd. We speak on many subjects
Dear to Democracy.
3rd. We speak about the Stamps and Bonds
And urge you all to buy.
4th. Because it's necessary
And tell the reason why.
5th. We thus reach many people
Who otherwise would say
"No one asked me to buy a thing"
And try to shirk that way.
All. We're like the Minute Men of old
Altho we do not fight
We bring a warning message
That you may aid the right.

Uncle Sam:

My aviators rule the air
They wing their way on high
And soon they'll drive the enemy
Forever from the sky.

Aviators—11 boys in aviator's costume. 5 of them speak.

1st. We're Uncle Sam's birdmen, with temperament strange
For we're usually up in the air
When it comes to a fight with a foe in the clouds
No others with us can compare.

2nd. We swoop thru the air like a bird on the wing
We circle, we dive, and we rise.
High up o'er the world with our hearts free from care
We speed on our path thru the skies.

3rd. If the plane of an enemy ever approaches
In battle we promptly engage.
Till the foe falls in ruins, down, down to the earth
Our warfare relentless we wage.

4th. With nerves that are steady, with eyes that are keen
We traverse the uncharted blue
And we call to the stars and the moon as we pass
And they twinkle as if they all knew.

5th. From the skies of the world all intruders we'll drive
And the air raids shall quite cease to be

When we're finished there won't be a
Zeppelin left
To annoy this fair land of the free.

They sing, air, "Kentucky Home". This is very effective if accompanied with appropriate gestures.

1.

Just gaze on us, for we're aviators bold
We circle and turn in the air.
We loop the loop and we dive and mount and
glide
And our hearts are gay and free from care.
Our eyes are bright and our nerves are firm as
steel
We're rising—we're sinking below—
We show the world that we're monarchs of the
air
As far up above the clouds we go.

Chorus.

Left—then right—we're swerving—
And now we drop below
Then we rise on high, soaring thru the pathless
sky
Far, far up above the clouds we shall go.

2.

My aeroplane will respond to every wish
It hums as it rises on high.

It seems to love thus to leave the world behind
Like a bird it wings across the sky
The sun by day and the twinkling stars at night
Look down in amaze and surprise
Our hearts will thrill as the wild wind whistles past
While we wing our swift way thru the skies.

CHORUS.

UNCLE SAM:

A hungry army can never fight,
So we must feed our men,
And the one who stays at home and plants
In every meadow and glen
And raises the grain to give them bread
Is patriot, brave and true
As any soldier who fights today
'Neath the red, the white, the blue.

Enter farmers, 10 boys in overalls and straw hats, carrying hoes, rakes, etc. They sing, air, "Vive L'Amour".

1

We plant and we spade and we rake and we hoe
All for the soldier boys,
We dig and we harrow, we plant and we sow,
All for our soldier boys.

CHORUS.

Sing of the farmers, the patriots true
Raising the wheat and the golden corn too.
Gladly we toil, tilling the soil,
All for our soldier boys.

2.

We'll feed all the allies till victory is won
Won by our soldier boys,
And welcome them home when their great task is done,
Welcome our soldier boys. CHORUS.

UNCLE SAM:

With helpers such as these 'tis plain
Our victory is assured,
And not in vain the hardships
Our brave boys have endured.
We'll make the whole wide world today
Safe for Democracy,
And the Stars and Stripes shall ever float
O'er the Land of Liberty.

All sing, air, "Drink to Me Only With Thine Eyes".

All hail the banner of the free, the bonny Stripes and Stars.
Of purity the white stars speak, no stain their beauty mars.

A sign of valor you may read within its crimson bars
The blue field stands for truth and hope, illumined by Heaven's own stars.

2

O'er it the light of victory shall ever brightly shine.
For freedom, justice and the right, 'twill ever be the sign.
Then may it proudly float on high, this flag of yours and mine.
And may the bonny Stripes and Stars with added lustre shine.

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